

CLASSIFICATION **CONFIDENTIAL**COUNTRY Czechoslovakia REPORT TOPIC Improvement of the Former Czernin Castle near Dymokury

25X1

EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

25X1

DATE OF CONTENT

25X1

DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED

19 September 1955

REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

25X1

1. Prior to August 1953, the former Czernin Castle, 200 meters south of Dymokury (O 51/C 30) and about 100 meters west of the main street, was undergoing improvement. These activities, which also included reconstruction of destroyed sections of the castle, took place on a small hill within a large park. The rooms in the castle, which was a two-story horseshoe-shaped structure, were rearranged by displacing or constructing partition walls. An underground main wire, as thick as a man's arm, led from the outside into a room, called the central, from which numerous thin wire bundles branched to the individual rooms. In July 1953, a concrete base, about 2 x 0.35 x 0.20 meters, was constructed in this so-called central. a switching device was to be set up on this base. Wire trenches were also cemented in this room. The supervisor also said that connections for a fire alarm device which was to be released at a temperature of 50°C were installed in several rooms of the castle. The thinner wires which were provisionally half-buried in the individual rooms had several strands. Prior to early August 1953, the time when source left, the brick walls of a barracks-like structure outside the proper castle were also completed. Another similar building was still under construction. These single-story structures had a size of about 12 x 30 meters and contained 3 living rooms of equal size, a kitchen, a mess hall, lavatories and another smaller room. Foundation walls for 2 so-called storage sheds, about 12 x 30 meters, were also under construction at another site in the area of the park 50 to 100 meters distant from the castle proper. and other storage sheds of the above-mentioned type were to be constructed there. The whole of the large park was surrounded with a new fence. No military personnel wearing uniforms was observed in connection with the project. It was unknown whether or not air defense installations were constructed in this area.

25X1

2. Prior to early August 1953, about 30 convicts had to remove the old wires and to replace the same by power current wires throughout the Dymokury Castle. The entire area of the park, which was about 500 x 350 meters, was fully fenced in. The labor crew was guarded by 12 SZBs who wore red uniforms color. All these guards were 100% of an average age of about 30 years. Two buildings which were under construction in the vicinity of the castle were being built for the construction

CLASSIFICATION **CONFIDENTIAL**

CONFIDENTIAL,

- 2 -

25X1

wells without basements, carrying power of which was computed at 2 metric
tons per square meter. In early August 1953, all convicts were withdrawn
from the building site.

Comment. The building site as well as the intended use of the
buildings are unknown.

25X1

25X1

CONFIDENTIAL